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This new edition of a guide which has made reading aloud a special pleasure for millions of people offers a chance for a new generation of parents, teachers, grandparents, and siblings to discover the rewards--and the necessity--of reading aloud. The guide provides an up-to-date annotated bibliography ("treasury") of more than 1200 children's books that are excellent for reading aloud, including wordless books; predictable/cumulative books; picture reference books; picture books; short novels; novels; poetry; anthologies; and fairy and folk tales. The guide explains (1) how reading aloud awakens children's imaginations and improves their language skills; (2) how to begin reading aloud and which books to choose; (3) how to create an atmosphere in the home and classroom that welcomes readers; (4) how to compete with the influences of television and video games; and (5) the facts about children, reading, and television viewing. A section on how to use the treasury, an afterword by the author, a subject index for the text, and an author-illustrator index for the treasury are included. (NKA)

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